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## Amendments to the Claims

- 1. (Currently Amended) Sample rate converter for converting an input sample rate of a signal into an output sample rate, wherein the sample rate converter comprises a sample rate adapter for, in response to a control signal having a first value, adapting an intermediate sample rate such that the output sample rate is larger than the input sample rate, and for, in response to a control signal having a second value, adapting the intermediate sample rate such that the output sample rate is smaller than the input sample rate.
- 2. (Currently Amended) Sample rate converter according to claim I, wherein the sample rate adapter comprises a variable sample rate decreaser for variably decreasing the intermediate sample rate.
- 3. (Currently Amended) Sample rate converter according to claim 2, wherein the sample rate converter comprises a fixed sample rate increaser for fixedly increasing the input sample rate and for generating a signal with the intermediate sample rate. destined for the variable sample rate decreaser.
- 4. (Currently Amended) Sample rate converter according to claim 3, wherein the fixed sample rate increaser increases the input sample rate with a fixed increasing factor K, with the variable sample rate de creaser variably decreasing the intermediate sample rate with a variable decreasing factor L, with  $L \leq K$ .
- 5. (Currently Amended) Sample rate converter according to claim 4, wherein the sample rate converter comprises a fixed sample rate decreaser for fixedly decreasing a variably decreased intermediate sample rate with a fixed factor M and for generating a signal with the output sample rate.
- 6. (Currently Amended) Sample rate converter according to claim 1, wherein the sample rate adapter comprises a variable sample rate increaser for variably increasing the intermediate sample rate.

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- 7. (Currently Amended) Sample rate converter according to claim 6, wherein the sample rate converter comprises a fixed sample rate increaser for fixedly increasing the input sample rate and for generating a signal with the intermediate sample rate destined for the variable sample rate increaser.
- 8. (Currently Amended) Sample rate converter according to claim 7, wherein the sample rate converter comprises a fixed sample rate decreaser for fixedly decreasing a variably increased intermediate sample rate and for generating a signal with the output sample rate.
- 9. (Currently Amended) Method for converting an input sample rate of a signal into an output sample rate, wherein the method comprises a step of, in response to a control signal having a first value, adapting an intermediate sample rate such that the output sample rate is larger than the input sample rate, and of, in response to a control signal having a second value, adapting the intermediate sample rate such that the output sample rate is smaller than the input sample rate.
- 10. (Currently Amended) Computer program product for converting an input sample rate of a signal into an output sample rate, wherein the computer program product comprises a function of, in response to a control signal having a first value, adapting an intermediate sample rate such that the output sample rate is larger than the input sample rate, and of, in response to a control signal having a second value, adapting the intermediate sample rate  $(F_{s2})$  such that the output sample rate is smaller than the input sample rate.
- 11. (Currently Amended) Apparatus comprising a sample rate converter for converting an input sample rate of a signal into an output sample rate, wherein the sample rate converter comprises a sample rate adapter for, in response to a control signal having a first value, adapting an intermediate sample rate such that the output sample rate is larger than the input sample rate, and for, in response to a control signal having a second value, adapting the intermediate sample rate such that the output sample rate is smaller than the input sample rate.